LONG, LONG AGO,
DEEP IN THE SEA...

...LIVED
A DRAGON
KING WITH POOR
HEALTH.

THE SERVANTS OF THE DRAGON KING'S PALACE ASKED EVERYONE THEY COULD...

...AND FOUND OUT THAT THE LIVER OF A RABBIT, WHICH DWELLED ON THE LAND, WAS A GOOD MEDICINE.

THE MOST LOYAL OF THE DRAGON KING'S SERVANTS, THE TERRAPIN OFFICIAL, WENT UP TO THE LAND...

...AND CONVINCED THE RABBIT TO LIVE AT THE DRAGON PALACE WITH HIM.

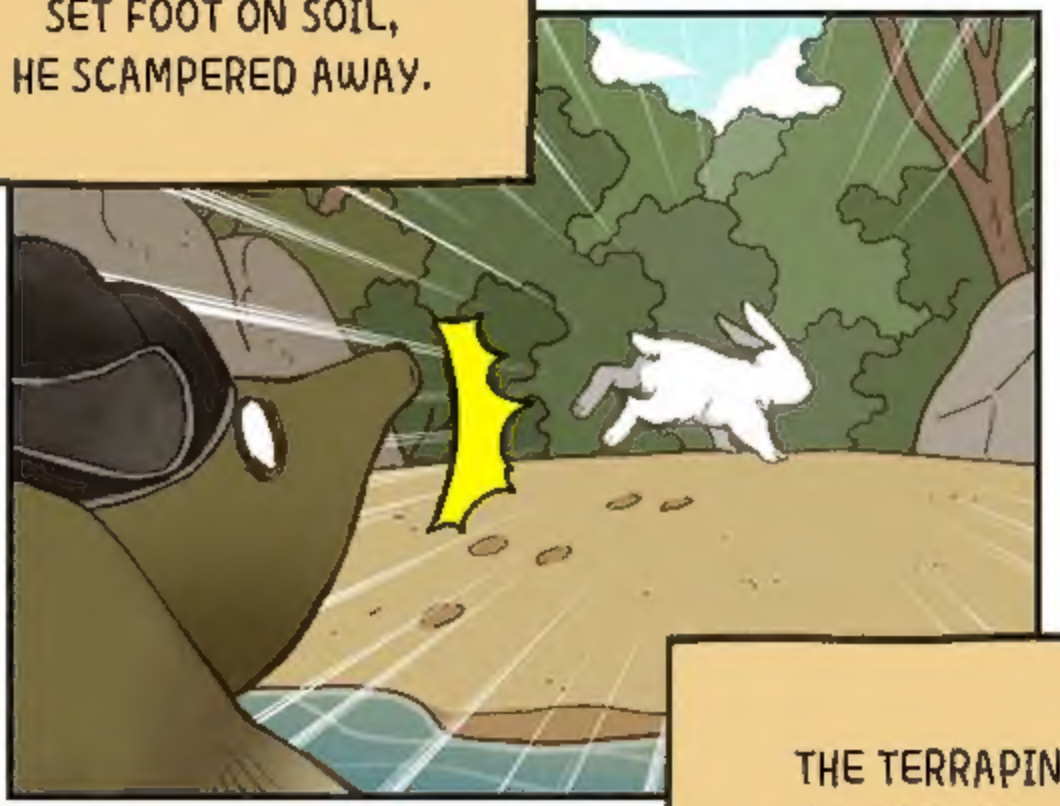
HE SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT THE RABBIT DOWN TO THE DRAGON PALACE...

...BUT JUST BEFORE THE RABBIT WAS CUT OPEN, HE SHOUTED OUT THAT HE LEFT HIS LIVER BACK ON LAND.

THE TERRAPIN STERNLY TOLD THE RABBIT TO GO GET HIS LIVER...

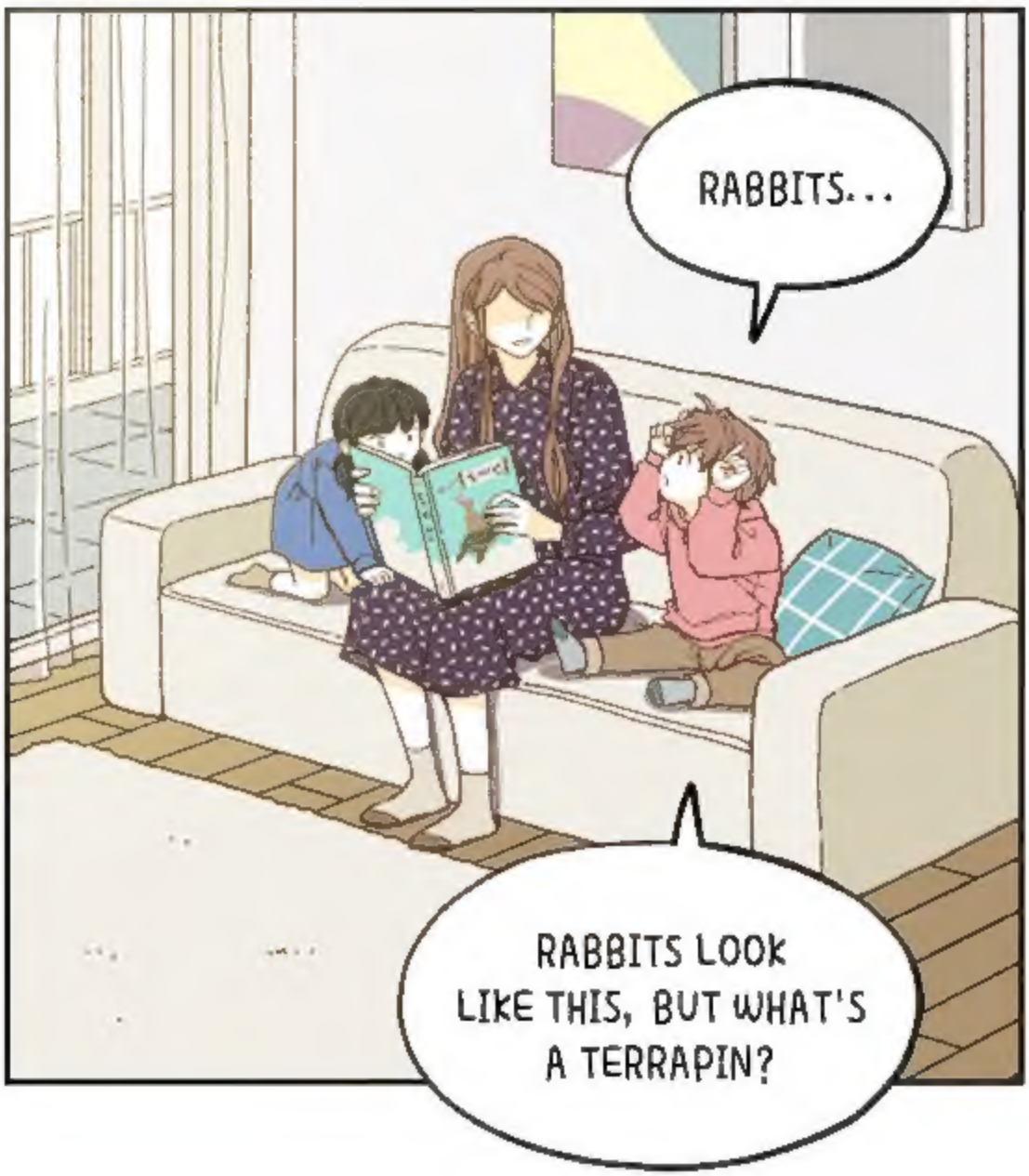
...AND TOOK HIM BACK TO THE LAND.

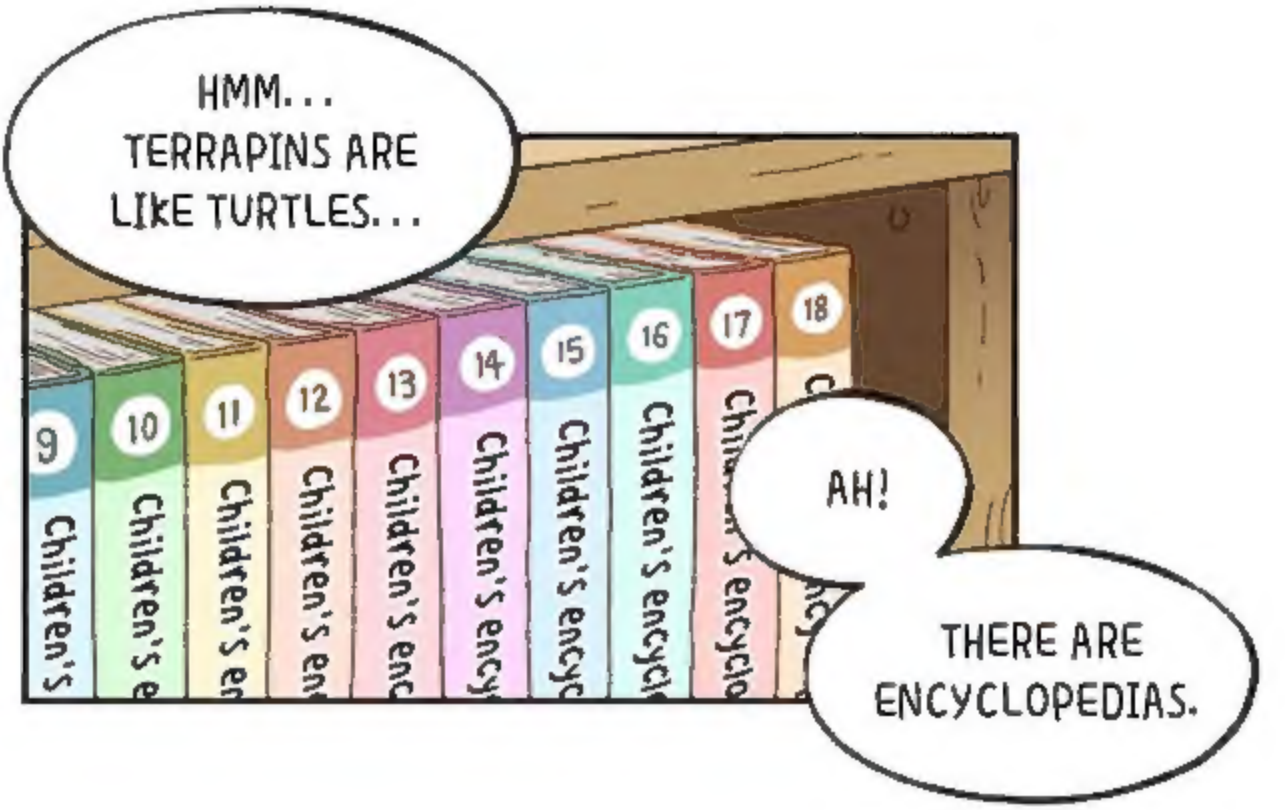
HOWEVER,
AS SOON AS THE RABBIT
SET FOOT ON SOIL,
HE SCAMPERED AWAY.



THE TERRAPIN,
WHO HAD FALLEN
FOR THE RABBIT'S
LIE, SAT THERE
AND CRIED.

...
UM...


RABBITS...
RABBITS LOOK LIKE THIS, BUT WHAT'S A TERRAPIN?


HMM...
TERRAPINS ARE LIKE TURTLES...
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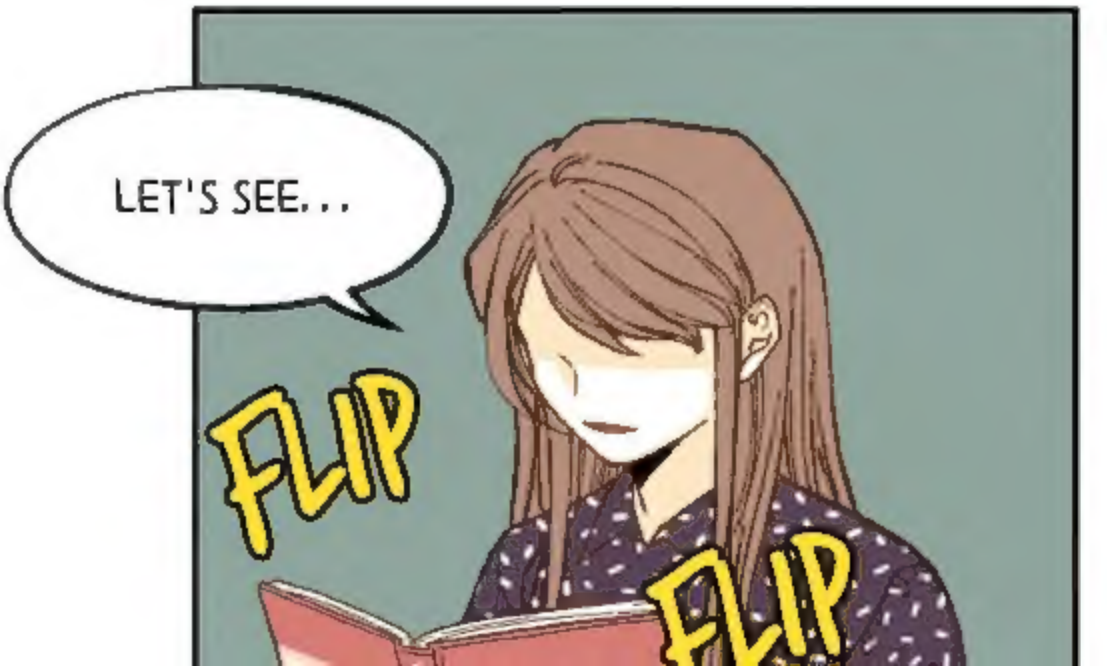
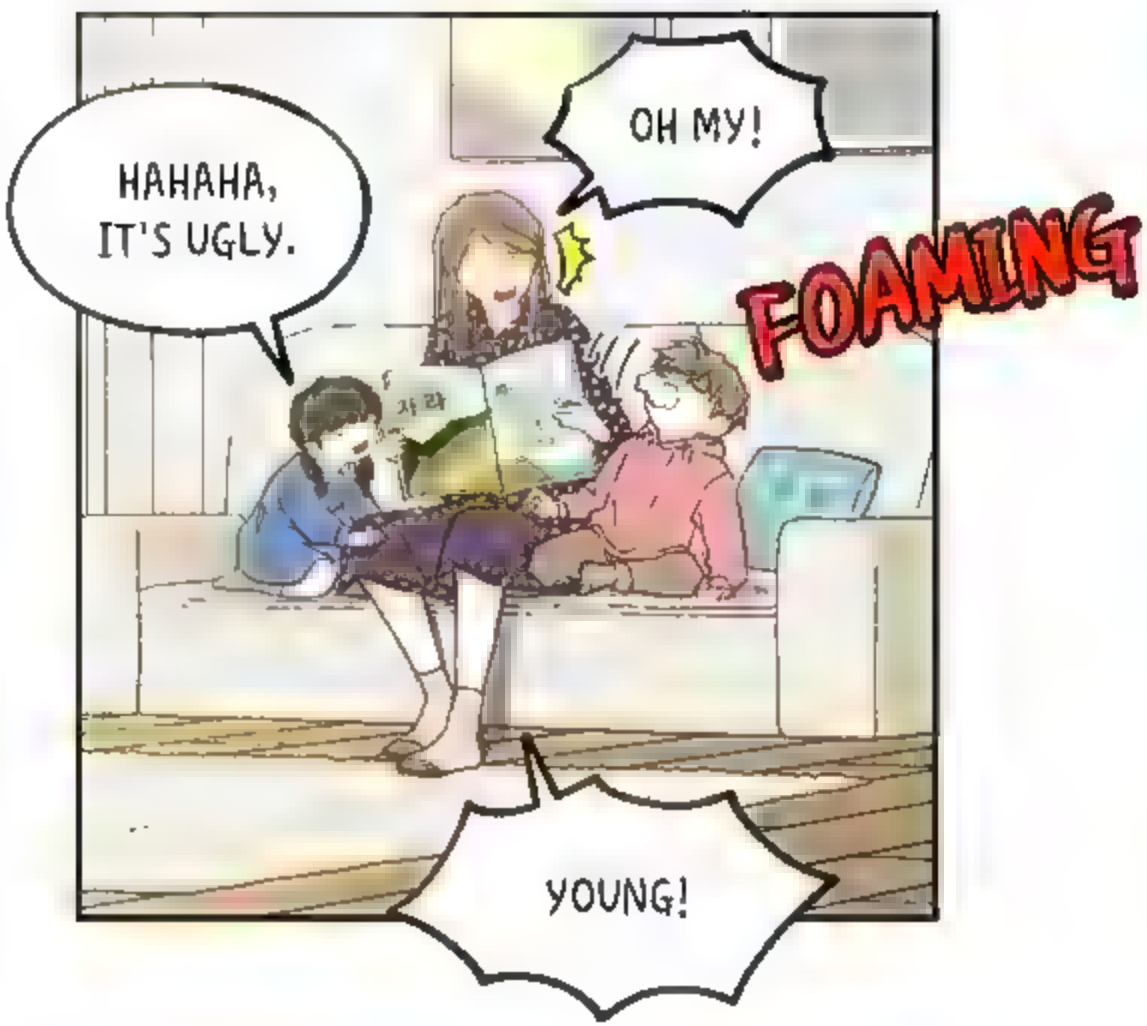
Children's
AH!
THERE ARE ENCYCLOPEDIAS.


LET'S SEE...
FLIP
FLIP

Reptiles

HERE IT IS!
e different from a turtle!
Terrapin
CHORDATE / REPTILE
/ LONG NECK


HAHAHA,
IT'S UGLY.
OH MY!
FOAMING
YOUNG!

YOUNG!

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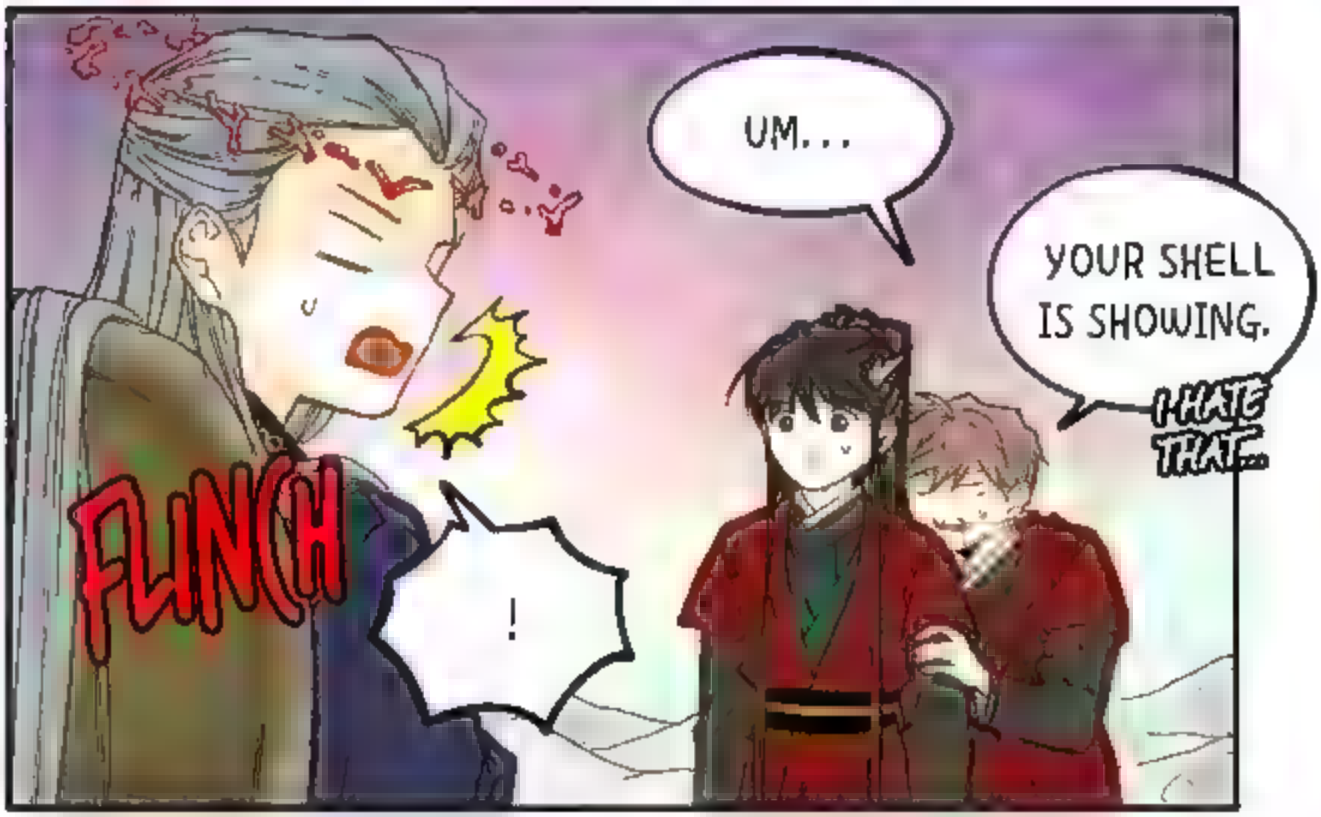
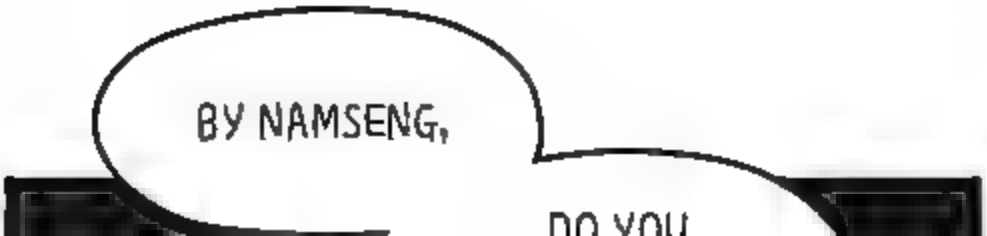
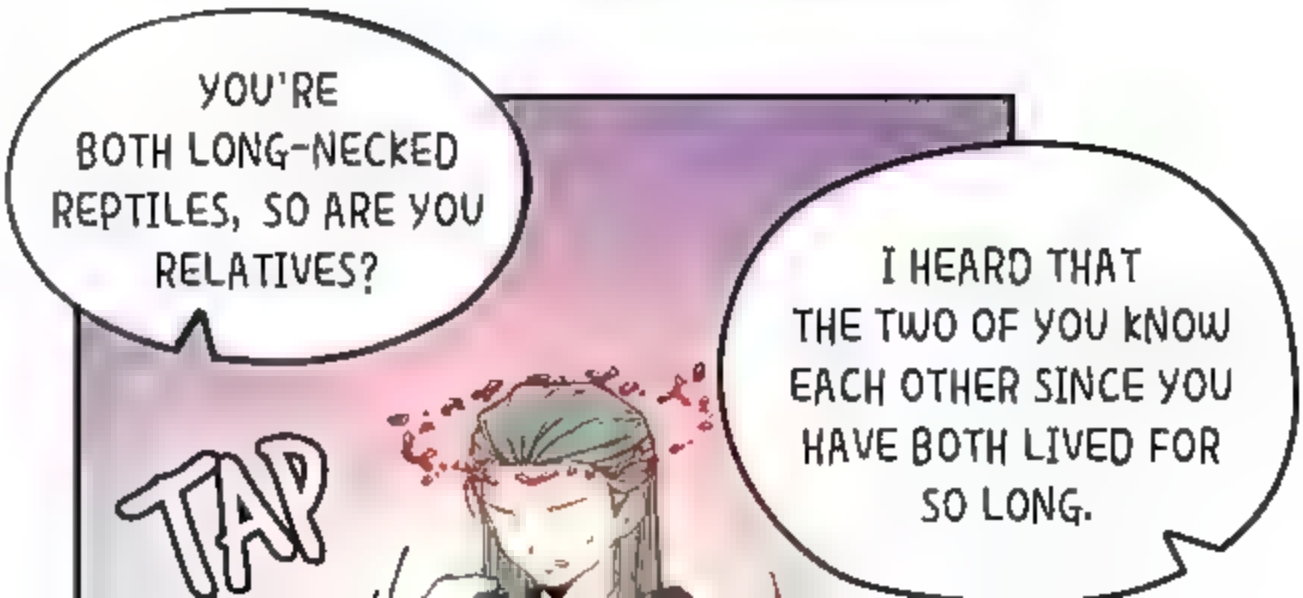
SO...
YOU'RE THE TORTOISE?

W-
W-
W-
I HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM MR. NAMSENG...
WHO'S A TORTOISE?

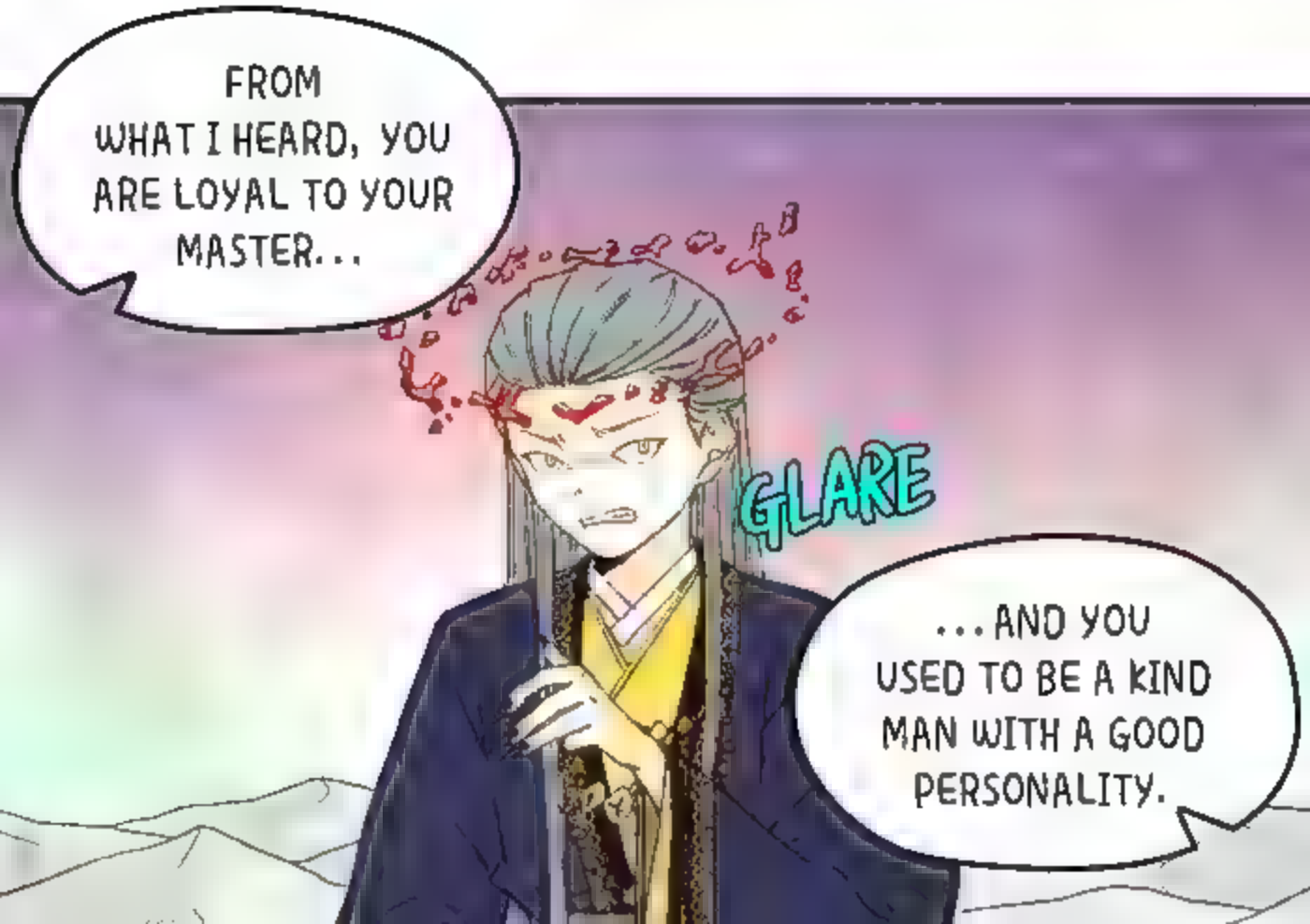

UM...
YOUR SHELL IS SHOWING.
I HATE THAT...
FLINCH
!


BY NAMSENG,

MEAN THAT TURTLE THAT YOU ALMOST KILLED?
THE ONE AT THE HAN RIVER...
I DIDN'T KILL HIM!

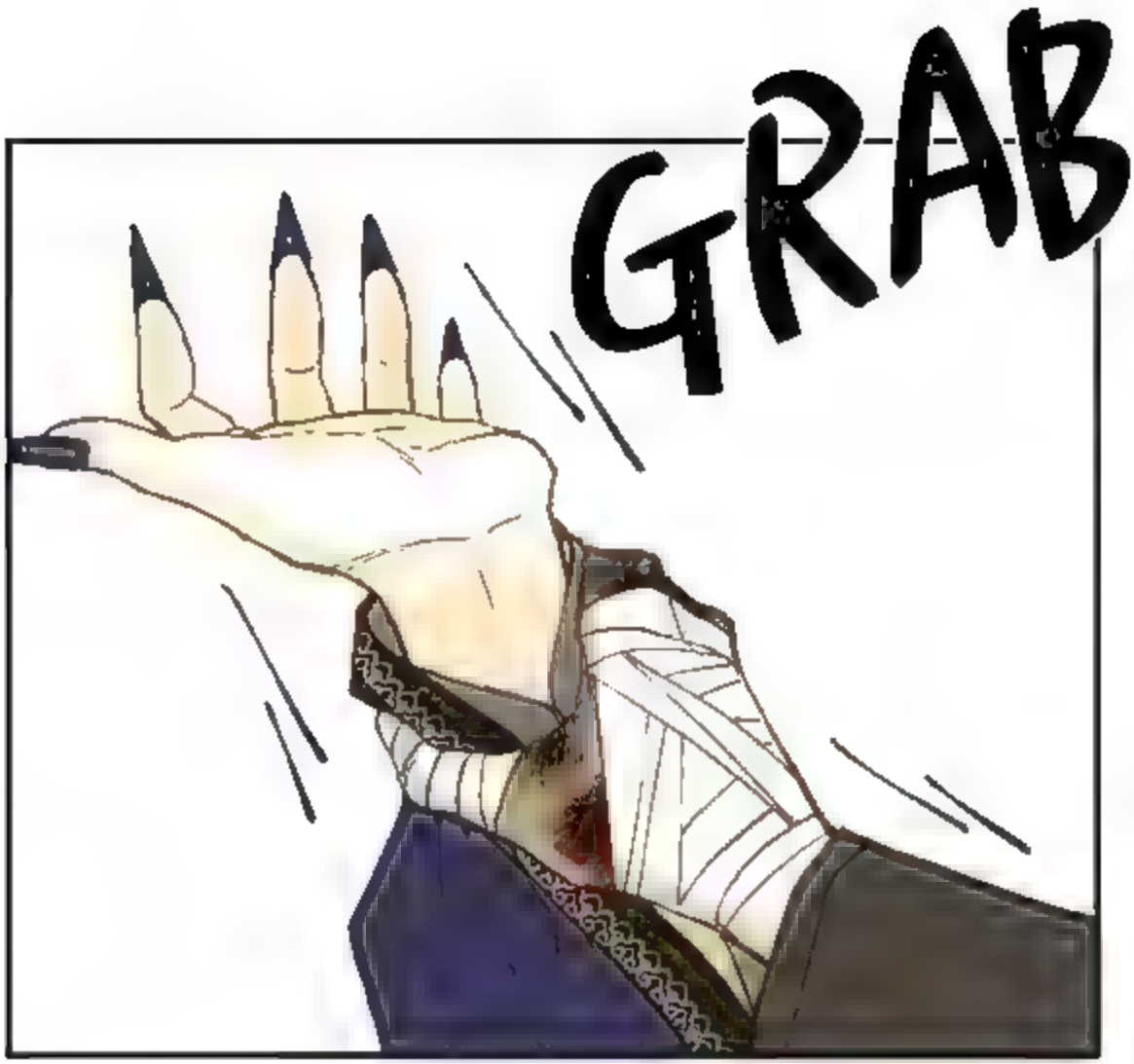

YOU'RE BOTH LONG-NECKED REPTILES, SO ARE YOU RELATIVES?
TAP
I HEARD THAT THE TWO OF YOU KNOW EACH OTHER SINCE YOU HAVE BOTH LIVED FOR SO LONG.

TAP


FROM WHAT I HEARD, YOU ARE LOYAL TO YOUR MASTER...
GLARE
...AND YOU USED TO BE A KIND MAN WITH A GOOD PERSONALITY.

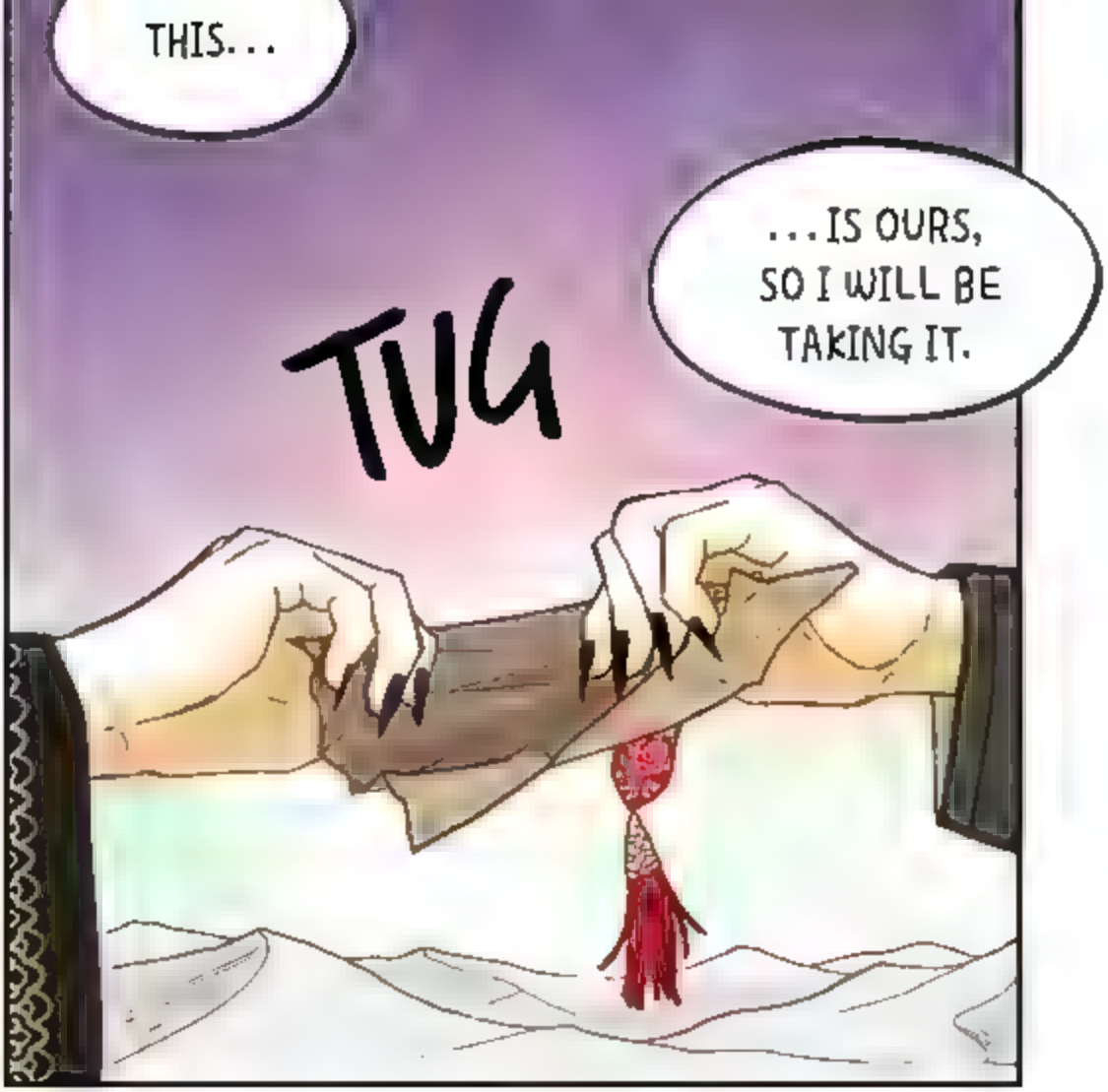
BUT AFTER BEING BETRAYED OUTSIDE OF THE WATER...
...YOUR PERSONALITY HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE LESS... PLEASANT...
THAT MUST BE WHY HE GOT SO MAD.

YOU...
RAISE
YOU THINK
YOU CAN JUST SAY
ANYTHING...


GRAB

STOP IT.
EVEN IF YOU ARE IN THE FAVOR OF THE DRAGON KING, YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT GO UP AGAINST AN IMOOGI.

UGH...
TREMBLE
...



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

I WON'T GIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO SOME SCAMPS THAT GO AROUND SMELLING LIKE THAT DEVIL!

WHAT?

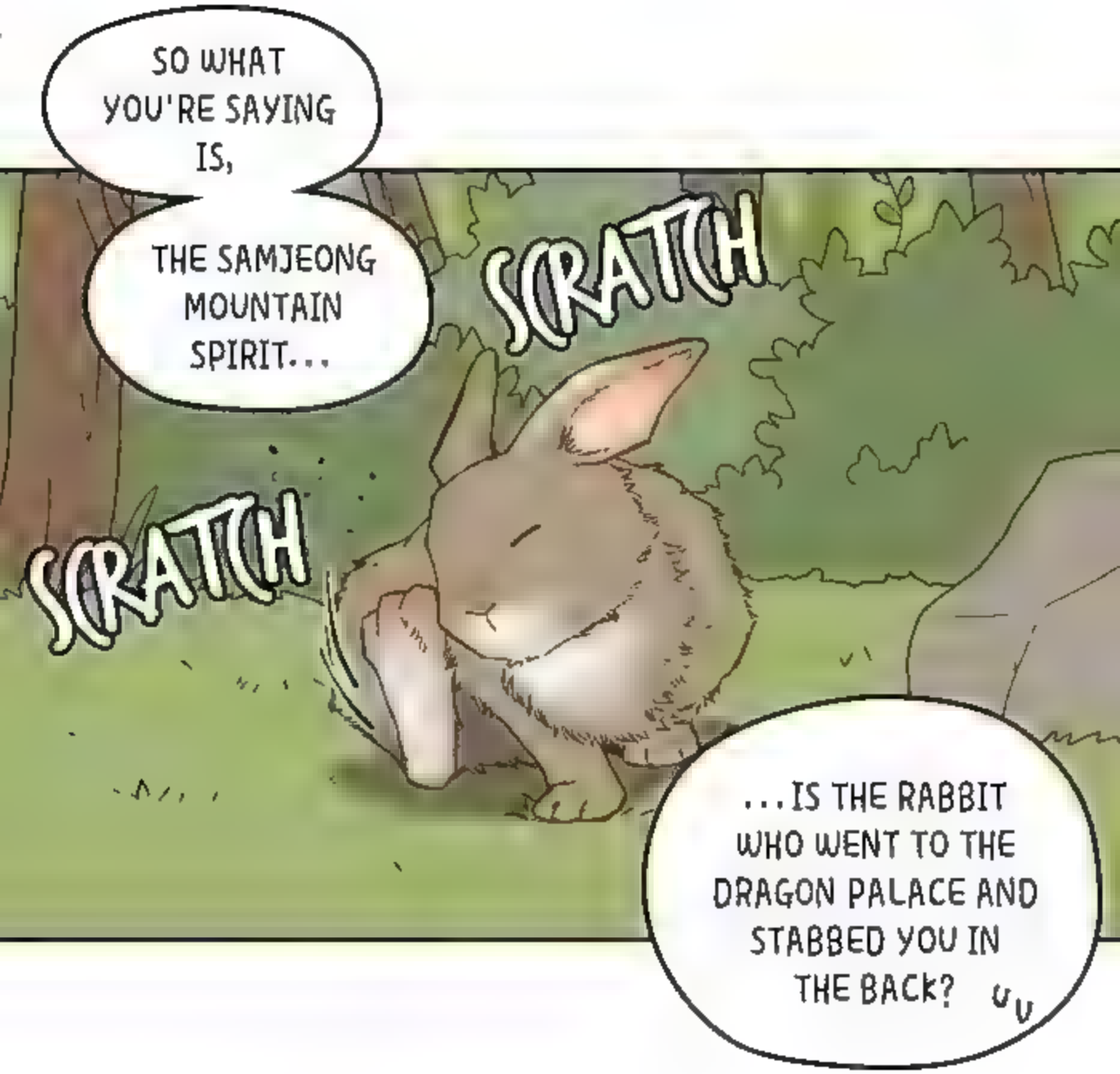
ARE YOU GOING TO DISOBEY THE ORDERS OF YOUR SUPERIOR?

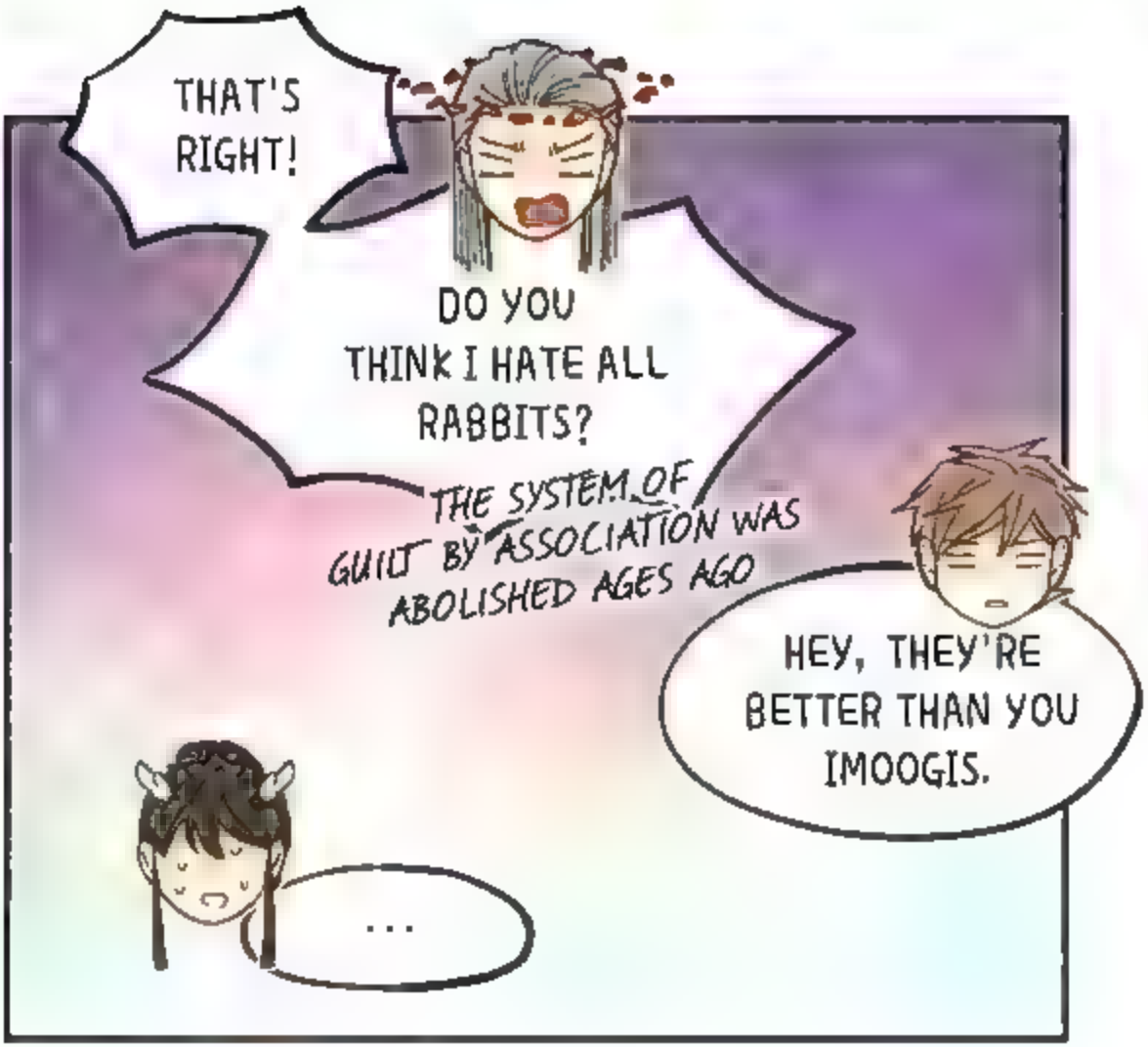
ARE THERE NO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DOWN HERE..

I'M SURE THE DRAGON KING CONSIDERS THAT SCOUNDREL AN EYESORE AS WELL!

HE WILL UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!
THAT WRETCHED GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
WITH THAT SILVER TONGUE OF HIS...
SCOWL
SCOWL
...HE ESCAPED AND UNDERMINED THE DRAGON

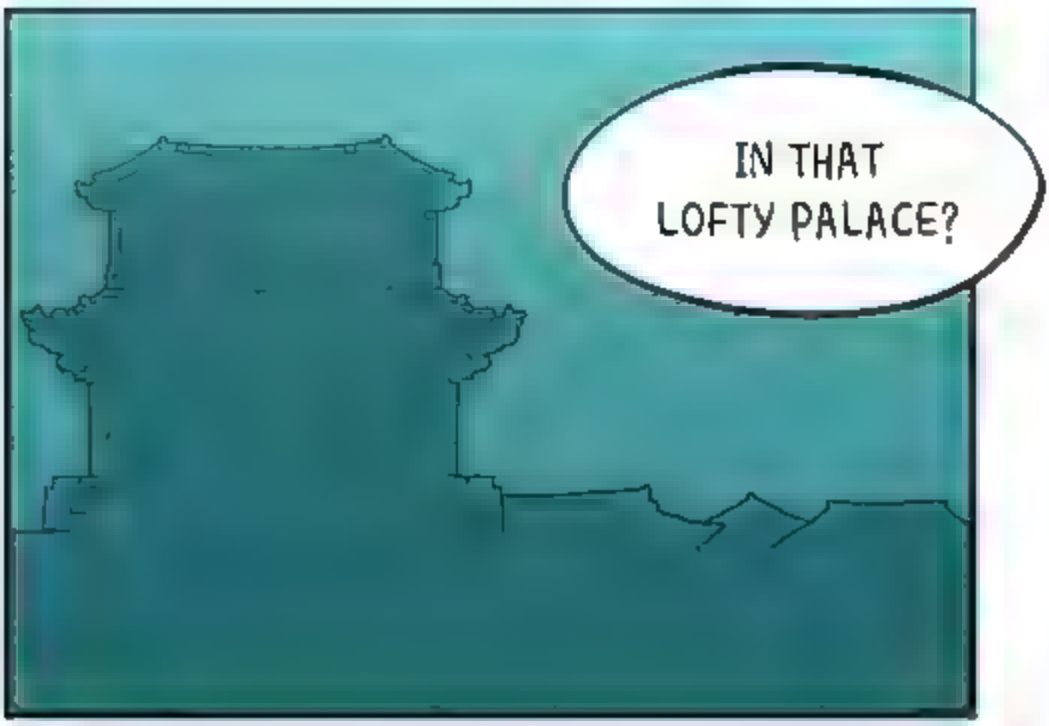
KING'S AUTHORITY AND MY LOYALTY.


SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS,
THE SAMJEONG MOUNTAIN SPIRIT...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
...IS THE RABBIT WHO WENT TO THE DRAGON PALACE AND STABBED YOU IN THE BACK? uu


THAT'S RIGHT!
DO YOU THINK I HATE ALL RABBITS?
THE SYSTEM OF GUILT BY ASSOCIATION WAS ABOLISHED AGES AGO
HEY, THEY'RE BETTER THAN YOU IMOOGIS.
...

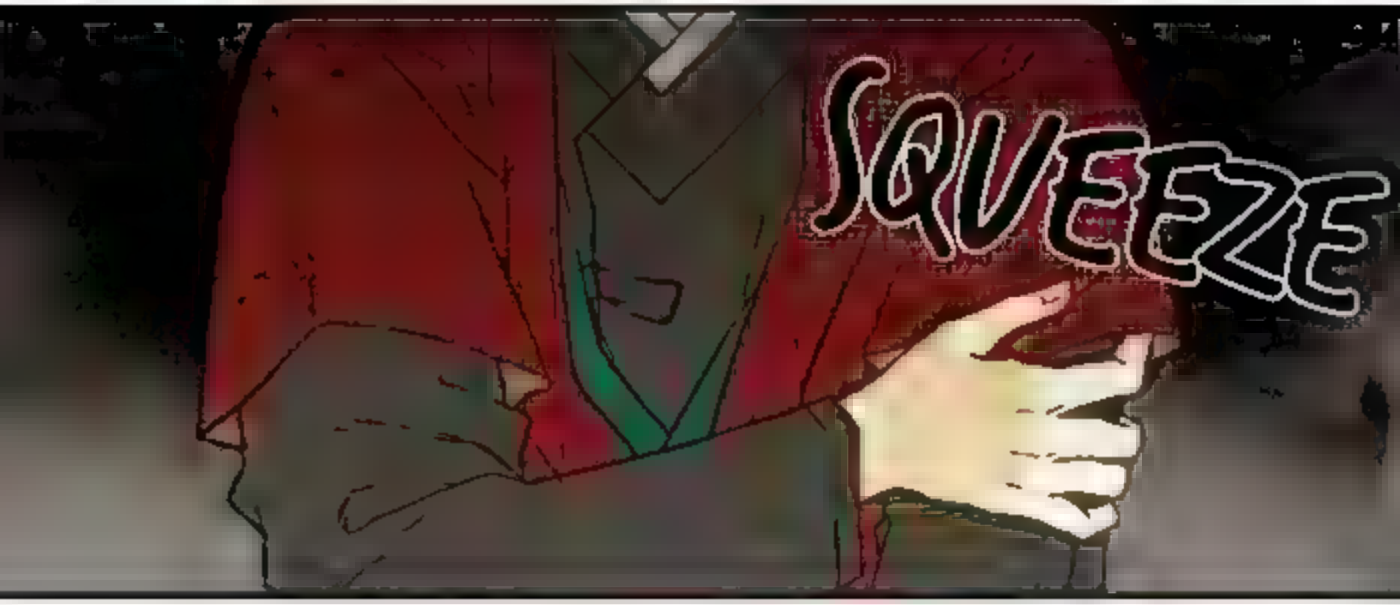
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT ROGUE, I CAN'T JUST LET YOU LEAVE IN ONE PIECE!
SMACK
I WILL REPORT THIS TO THE DRAGON KING, AND THEN YOU WILL--

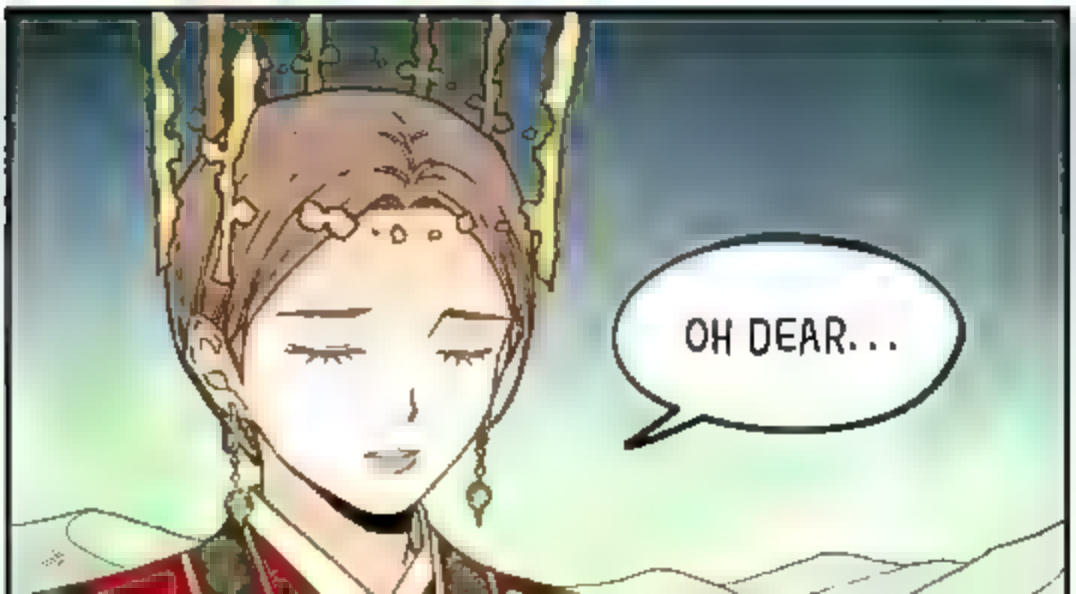
ALRIGHT.
WHERE IS THE DRAGON KING?


IN THAT
LOFTY PALACE?

OR...

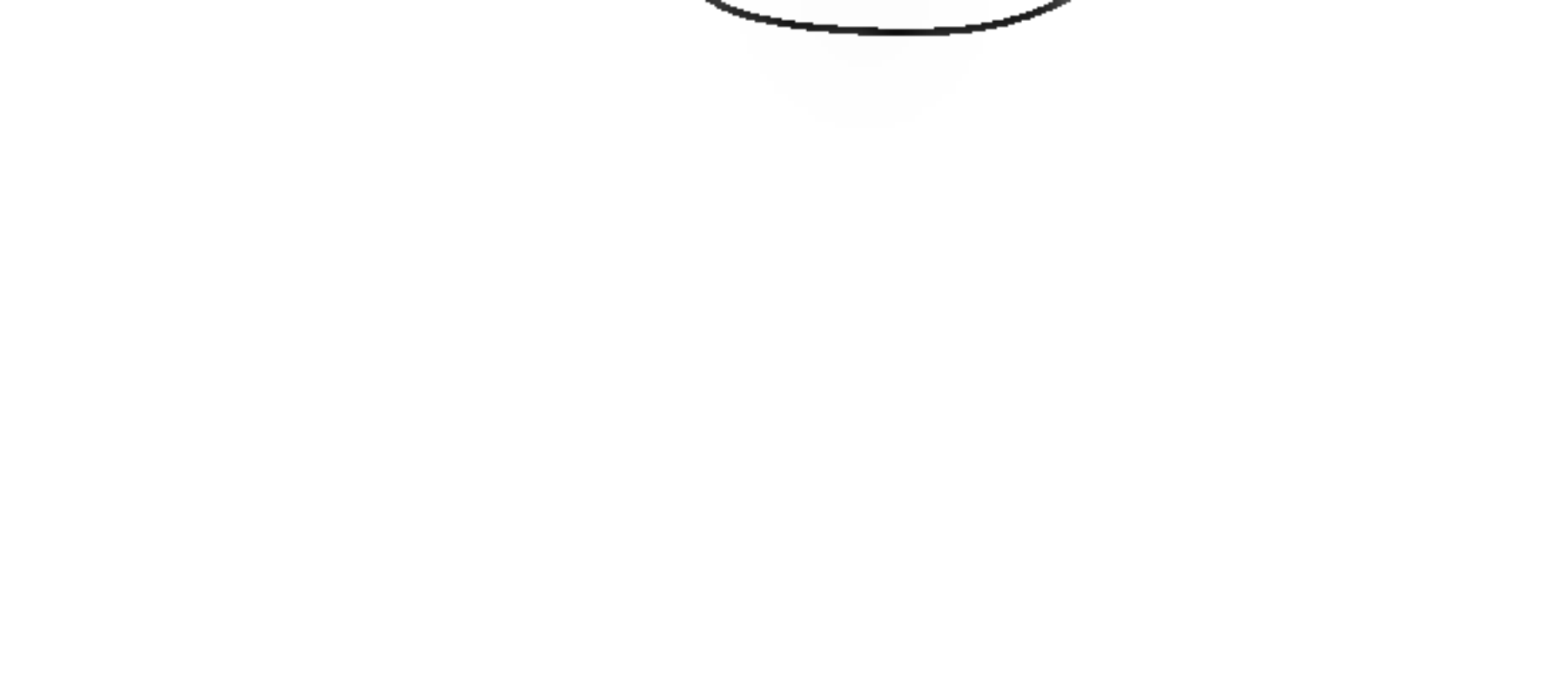
...IN ANOTHER ROOM?


SQUEEZE

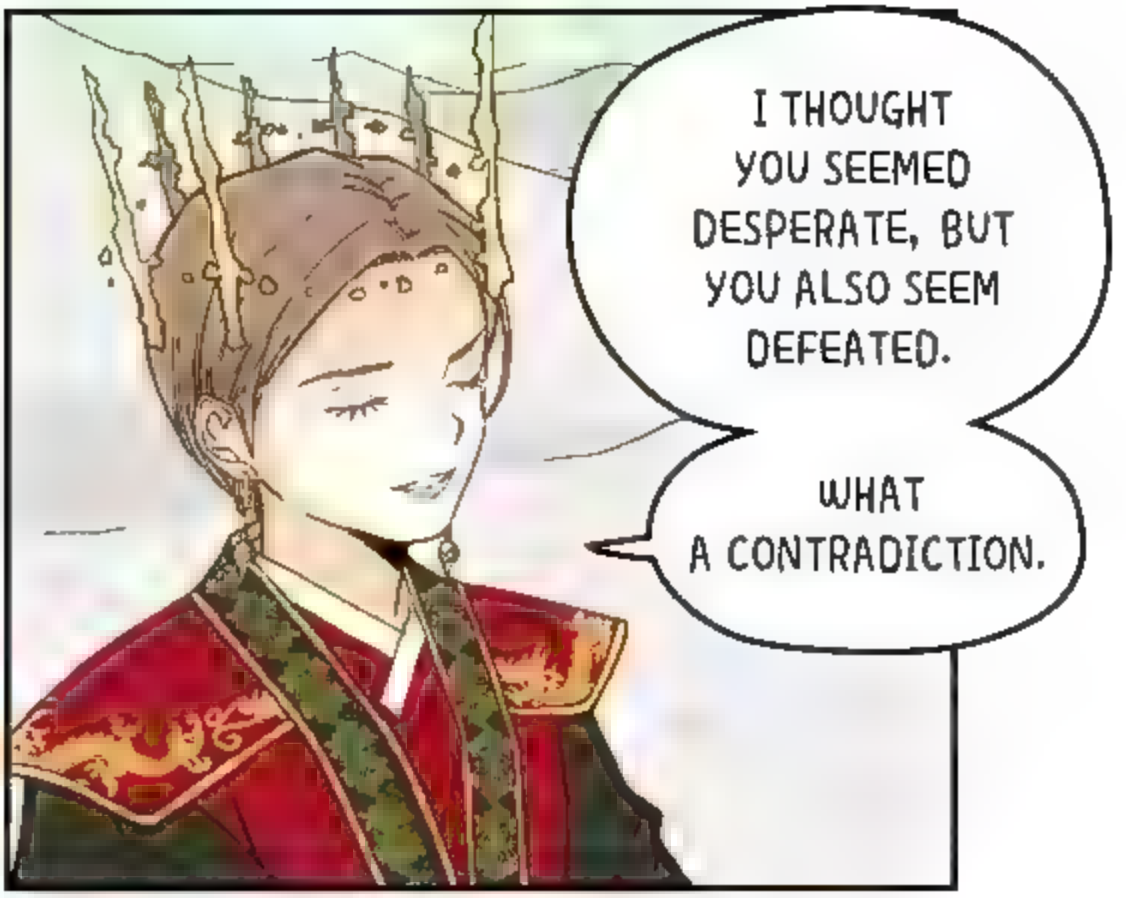

OH DEAR...

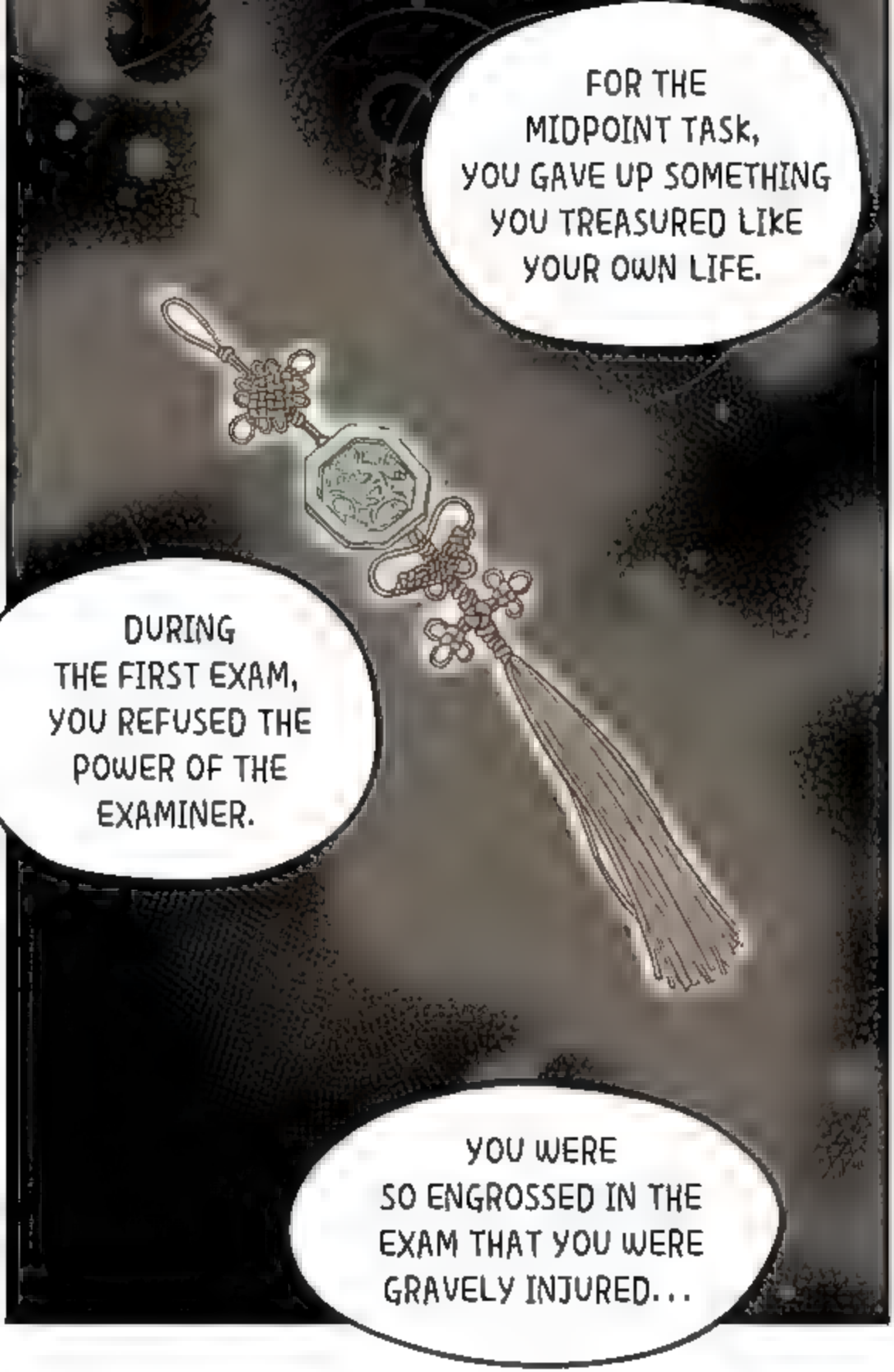
EVEN YOU, WHO STOOD OUT AMONGST COUNTLESS IMOOGIS,
HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO SUCH A PATHETIC STATE.
WERE YOU NOT PLEASED WITH THE

VISION I SHOWED YOU?



A THOUSAND YEARS...
...IS AMPLE TIME FOR AN IMMATURE IMOOGI TO CHANGE HIS WAYS.


I THOUGHT YOU SEEMED DESPERATE, BUT YOU ALSO SEEM DEFEATED.
WHAT A CONTRADICTION.


FOR THE MIDPOINT TASK, YOU GAVE UP SOMETHING YOU TREASURED LIKE YOUR OWN LIFE.
DURING THE FIRST EXAM, YOU REFUSED THE POWER OF THE EXAMINER.
YOU WERE SO ENGROSSED IN THE EXAM THAT YOU WERE GRAVELY INJURED...

...AND YET YOU HELPED YOUR FELLOW COMPETITOR.

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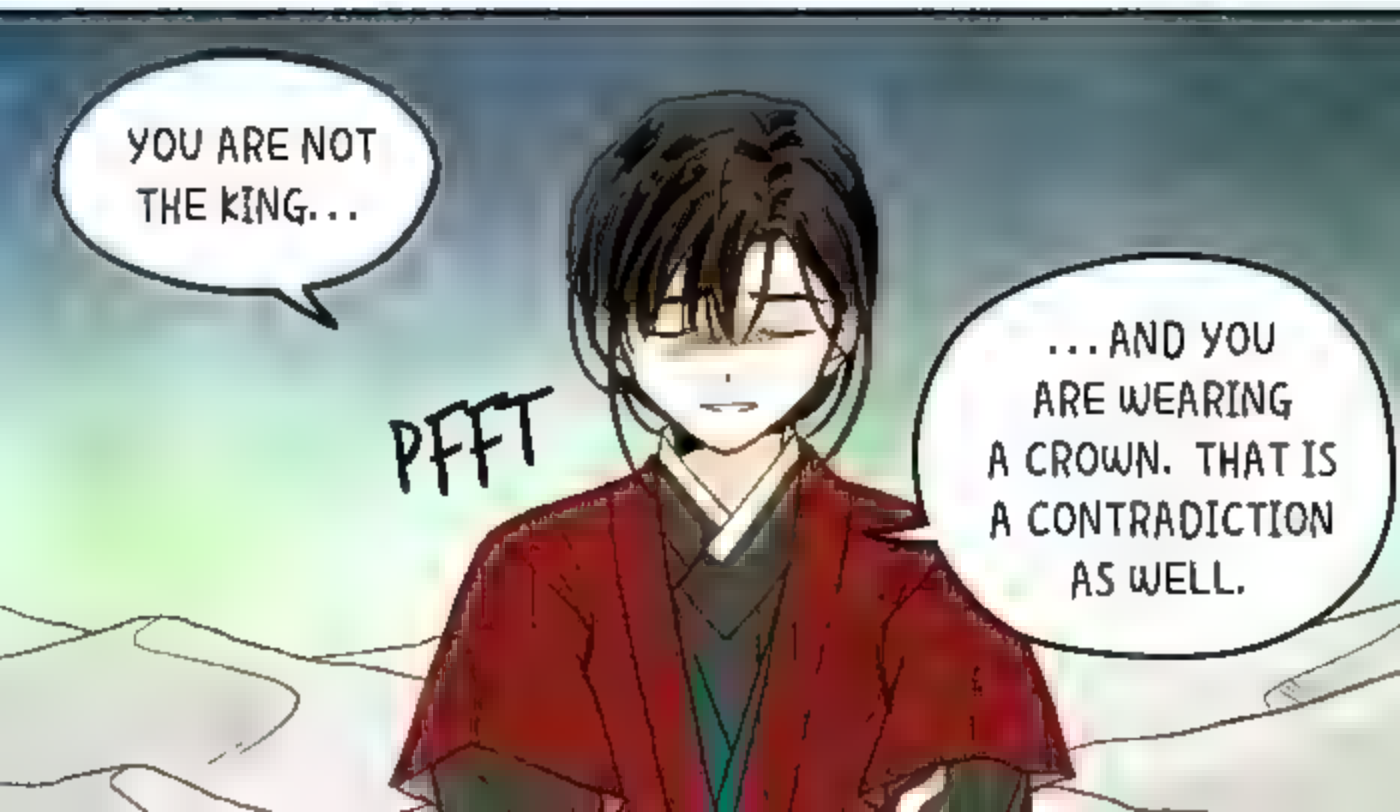
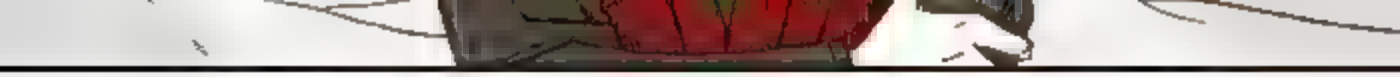
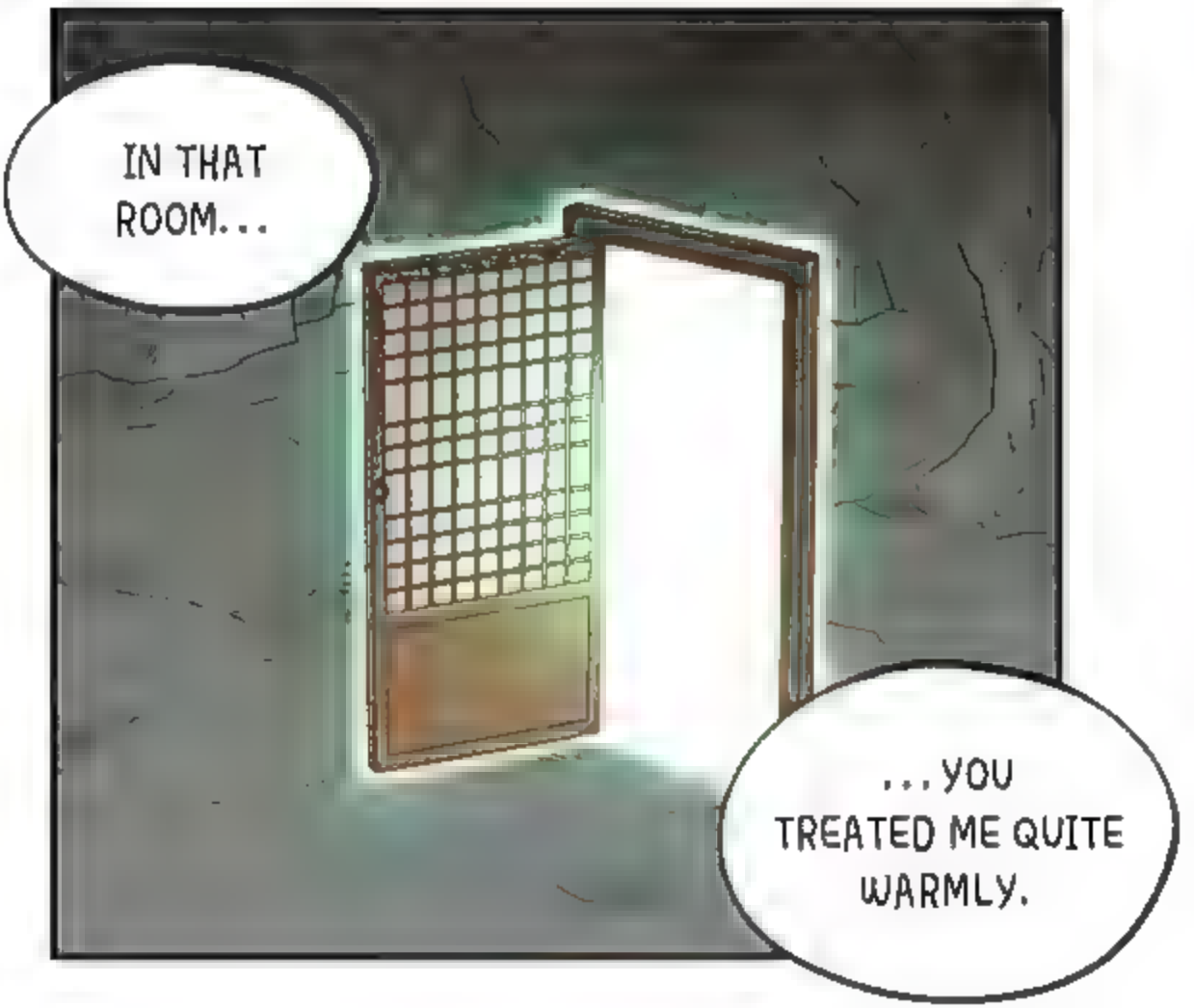

YOU ARE NOT THE KING...
PFFT
...AND YOU ARE WEARING A CROWN. THAT IS A CONTRADICTION AS WELL.

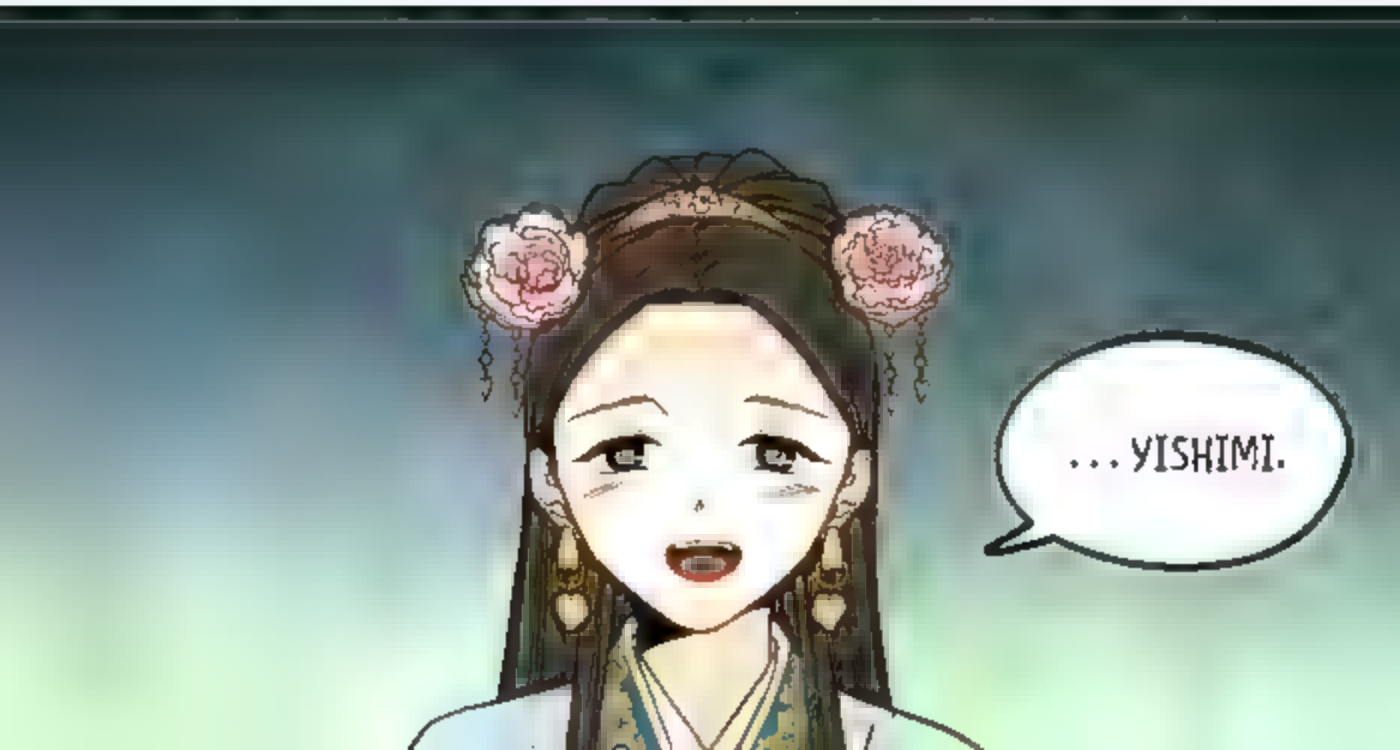


WHAT...?
YOU AND I...
...WE'VE MET BEFORE.


IN THAT ROOM...
...YOU TREATED ME QUITE WARMLY.

I SEE.
YOU MUST LIKE MY PREVIOUS APPEARANCE BETTER...

FLUTTER


...YISHIMI.

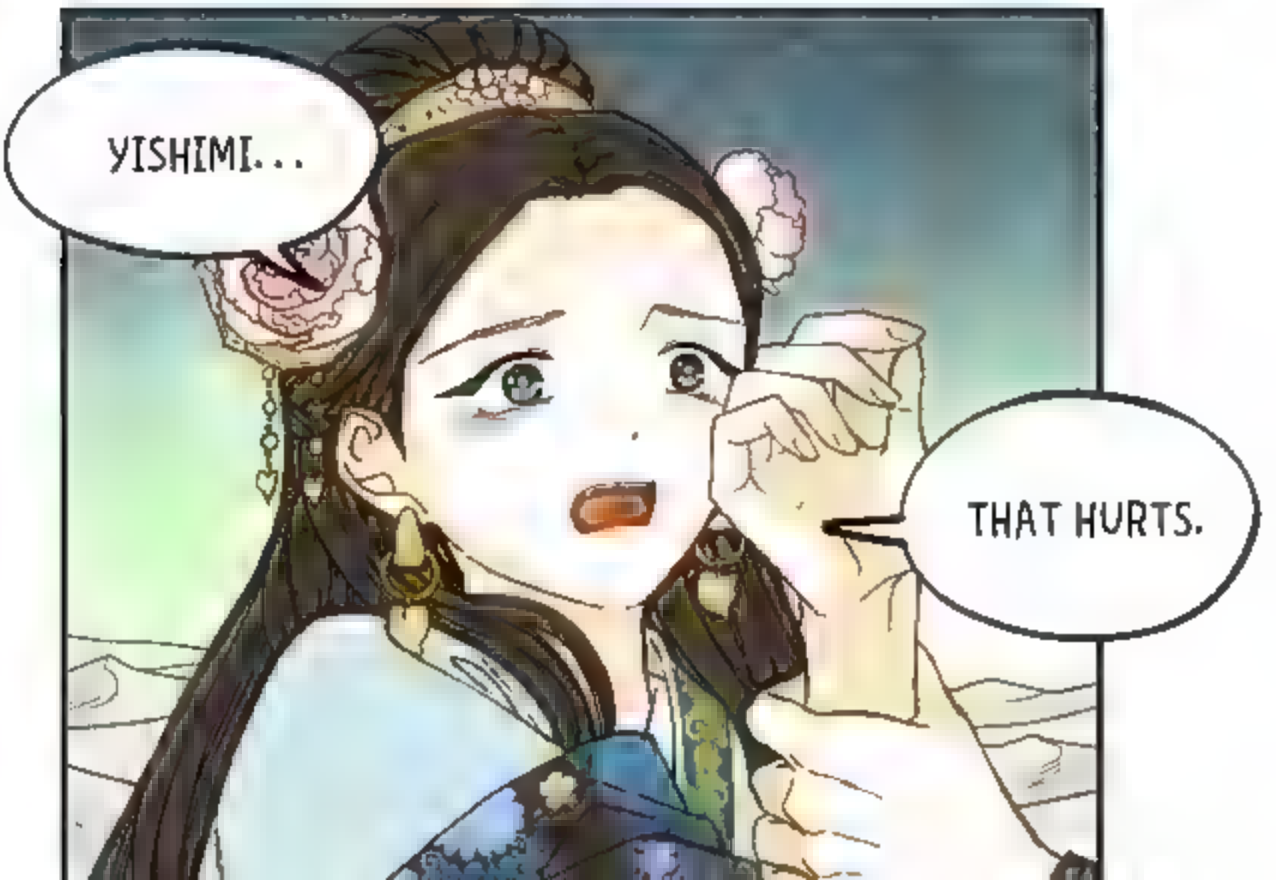
TRULY...
...THE FAMILY OF THE DRAGON KING IS DIFFERENT.

I HAVE SEEN OTHERS LIKE YOU A NUMBER OF TIMES...
...BUT NEVER BEFORE HAVE I SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

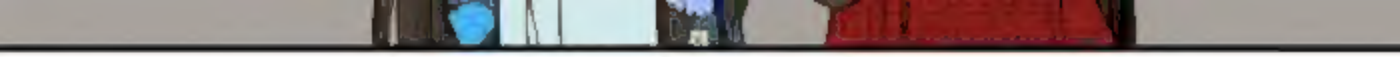
EVEN YOUR VOICE...
IT IS SUCH AN ACCURATE IMITATION THAT I HAVE GOOSEBUMPS.

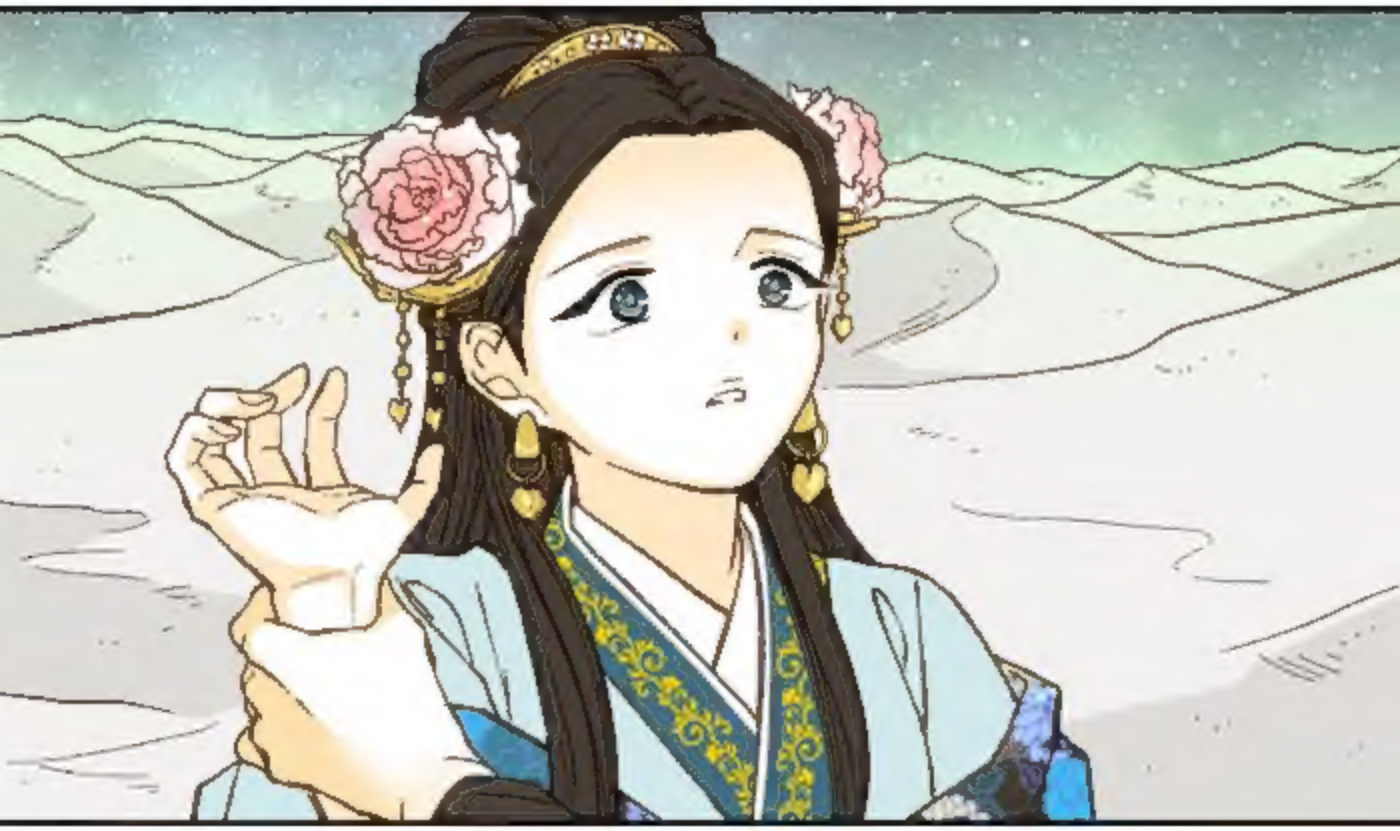
GRAB

CLENCH


YISHIMI...
THAT HURTS.

STOP IT.





SMIRK